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SUBJECT: ANTI-U.S. E-MAIL CAMPAIGN IN WAKE OF MEDIA SMEAR

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1. In the wake of recent anti-American stories in the Turkish press (RefTels), Embassy has received, via the Embassy web-site, a substantial number of e-mails claiming that the Ambassador and other U.S. officials are "no longer welcome" in Turkey. To date, the Embassy has received around 200 identical letters that are clearly part of an organized campaign to stir anti-American sentiment.

2. Embassy translation of the letter follows:

Letter to the Ambassador:

Dear Mr. Pearson,

As a citizen of the Republic of Turkey, I have been observing recent events toward war in the Middle East with an increasing level of worry.

It has become obvious to almost every sensible citizen on the planet that the group that has usurped power in your country has made up its mind to change the rules, the map, and the dynamics of the world on a large scale. It is also becoming clearer each day that my country has a central place in the grand plan of this team, whether it be as a means or an end.

Following the tragic events of September 11, your country has proven that despite its enormous resources, it is incapable of leading the world towards a better future both intellectually and spiritually. It would not surprise us that, as an American, your grasp of world history, culture, and geography has limitations. But I would like to remind you that my country bears dynamics beyond your comprehension which will make it impossible for you to realize your plans - whether it be your plan A, plan B, or plan Z.

I am a part of that dynamic!

Hereby, as an owner of this land, this history, culture, and geography, I warn you that you are trying to buy the land from the wrong owners. Any politician, bureaucrat, or institution which allows you to set foot on this soil with your men and machinery has by default foregone his right to this country, thereby putting you in the awkward position of buying from the unlawful owner.

I am sorry to inform you that my country is not for sale or rent. It has become obvious that the power of words has failed to convince you to change your manners, which is doomed to put the whole region into the fire. We will stop the talk and do the walk.

From now on, you and your men are not welcome in my country.

Please don't take our hospitality for granted. We have other characteristics as a nation which certainly you should get a better grasp of.

Sincerely,

End translation.

13. The letter is being distributed widely throughout Ankara via e-mail, with a message encouraging recipients to forward it to the embassy web-site. As part of the message, recipients are encouraged to attach a red and white ribbon to their cars as a sign of protest against "the deployment of foreign troops on Turkish soil and a war that targets Turkey."

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